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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: BUCHAREST 1400

1. WHILE WE DO NOT THINK YOU SHOULD NOW RAISE THIS WITH THE ROMANIANS AGAIN, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT JACKSON'S OFFICE (PERLE) PHONED US (JENKINS) APRIL 4 TO SAY THAT THEY HAD JUST BEEN TOLD THAT ROMANIANS, IN FACT, HAVE ISSUED LESS THAN 100 EMIGRATION DOCUMENTATIONS SO FAR IN 1975. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HIS INFORMATION HAS COME FROM THE ISRAELIS AND REFERS STRICTLY TO EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL, AS OPPOSED TO OTHER POINTS. WE KNOW THAT MACOVESCU (REFTEL) SPOKE OF HAVING APPROVED 500 IN MARCH, BUT THAT TOTAL WAS FOR EMIGRATION "PRIMARILY FOR THE US AND ISRAEL".

2. PERLE'S CALL IS A REFLECTION OF THE INTENSE INTEREST IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HERE IN THIS MATTER AND A HARBINGER OF THE TYPE OF MONITORING WE CAN EXPECT IN THE DAYS AHEAD. ANY AMPLIFICATION YOU COULD PROVIDE OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON EMIGRATION FIGURES AND
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DESTINATIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, WE UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR
BOGDAN MET WITH RABBI ISRAEL MILLER(CHAIRMAN OF

CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH
ORGANIZATIONS) ON FRIDAY. PRIOR TO THIS MEETING,
ARMITAGE CALLED BOGDAN TO EMPHASIZE THAT JEWISH
COMMUNITY PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARD TRADE AGREEMENT
COULD TURN ON MEETING AND STRESS WHAT MILLER WOULD
EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM: (1) USG HAD BEEN IN TOUCH
WITH ROMANIANS FOLLOWING EARLIER BOGDAN-MILLER
CONVERSATIONS, (2) THAT A DISTINCT UPTURN IN JEWISH
EMIGRATION IN THE IMMEDIATE SUCCEEDING WEEKS COULD
BE EXPECTED AND (3) THAT OVER THE LONGER SUCCEEDING
PERIOD THERE WOULD BE IMPROVEMENT IN THE RATE OF
JEWISH EMIGRATION. BOGDAN PROMISED TO MAKE THESE
POINTS WITH THE RABBI. INGERSOLL

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